

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 among Group I, claims 1-4 and 22-23 (drawn to a method containing steps of detecting a relative distance and synchronizing operating speed responsive to the detected relative difference in feed distance, classified in class 83, subclass 367); Group II, claims 5-6, 13-15, and 24-27 (drawn to a method containing steps of detecting distance between the web and the guide member to determine presence of excess web and adjusting operating speed responsive to the detected distance between the web and the guide member to reduce the presence of excess web, classified in class 83, subclass 403.1); Group III, claims 16-21 are (drawn to a method containing steps of detecting a difference in delivery status and briefly disengaging at least one drive wheel to enable one or more of a) realignment and b) adjustment and spacing of the web, classified in class 83, subclass 63). Applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 5-6, 13-15, and 24-27, for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-4 and 16-23 have been canceled without prejudice.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional, continuation, and/or continuation-in-part applications covering the non-elected claims of Groups I and III.

Elected independent claim 1 has been amended to recite “adjusting delivery distance of the servo helper assembly relative to the servo pick assembly...”

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CONCLUSION

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview before issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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